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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF AUGUST 6 MEETING

THE FRENCH PRESS HAS GIVEN FIARLY COMPLETE BUT  
RELATIVELY MUTED COVERAGE, BOTH TO THE ESTABLISHMENT  
OF THE WITTEVEEN FACILITY AND TO THE COMMENTS OF  
SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL AND FINANCE MINISTER APEL AFTER  
THE MEETING. ONLY AGEFI, THE FINANCIAL DAILY,  
PROVIDES FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE AND IT ALONE GIVES GREATER  
EMPHASIS TO THE APEL-BLUMENTHAL COMMENTS ON THEIR  
EXPECTATIONS FOR A STRONG DOLLAR THAN TO THE  
NEW IMF FACILITY. LE FIGARO AND LE QUOTIDIEN DE  
PARIS STRESS THE LATTER NEWS, PROVIDING STRAIGHT  
PLAY AS TO THE PURPOSES OF THE WITTEVEEN FACILITY;  
THEY ALSO MENTION THE APEL-BLUMENTHAL "ACCORD ON A  
STRONG U.S. CURRENCY." LE MONDE, WHILE REPORTING  
STRAIGHT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WITTEVEEN  
FACILITY, GIVES SEPARATE COVERAGE TO THE U.S.-  
GERMAN STATEMENTS AND IS THE ONLY MAJOR DAILY TO  
INTERPRET SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL'S REMARKS AS  
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REVERSING HIS PREVIOUS POSITION, WHICH IS ALLEGED  
TO HAVE BEEN IN FAVOR OF A DEPRECIATING DOLLAR. THE  
PRO-LEFT LE MATIN GIVES RATHER FULL COVERAGE, STRESSING  
THE AGREEMENT REACHED ON BOTH FRONTS,  
BUT EDITORIALIZING THAT THE DOLLAR AND THE  
INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SYSTEM NEVERTHELESS REMAIN  
IN DISARRAY.

THE INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE PROVIDES  
FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE ON THE IMF FACILITY, PICKING UP  
THE PAUL LEWIS STORY FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES BUT GAVE  
NO ATTENTION AT ALL TO THE BLUMENTHAL-APEL COMMENTS  
ON THE DOLLAR.  
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